था क्योंकि गलतफहमी अटल जी के दिमाग में कम से कम नहीं रहनी चाहिए उन्होंने यह पूछा है मारकोनी के खिलाफ जब इन्क्वायरी चल रही है वहां दूसरी तरफ आप हिन्दुस्तान में उनके साथ कोई डिफेंस कंट्रेक्ट कर रहे हैं । यह सवाल है एक तरफ वहां इन्क्वायरी चल रही है एक तरफ आप यहां कंट्रेक्ट कर रहे हैं इसमें मैंने कहा है कि ऐसा नहीं हुआ ।

No contract has been awarded to any firm of the Marconi Group since learning of the initiation of the aforesaid inquiry.

यह मैंने नहीं कहा है कि मारकोनी से हमारा कोई कंट्रेक्ट नहीं हुआ यह नहीं कहा है इन्होंने चूंकि सवाल में इन दो चीजों को जोड़ा है इसलिए जवाब में दो चीजों को जोड़ा है कि वहां इन्क्वायरी चल रही है और जब से इन्क्वायरी की सूचना हमें मिली है कोई कंट्रेक्ट हमने नहीं किया है । अब इन्होंने लिखा है इन दी अबव डील्ज कोन से एजंट थे, इसलिए मैंने कहा कि यह उस में से अराइज नहीं करता । मैं कम से कम अटल जी से यह आशा रखता हूं कि वह इस प्रश्न को भी समझेंगे और उत्तर को भी समझेंगे । इसमें कोई यह कोशिश नहीं की गई कि कोई चीज छिपाई जाए ।

श्री एन० के० पी० साल्वे : यह समझ तो रहे है लेकिन यह जतलाना चाहते हैं नहीं समझ रहे हैं ।

श्री के० सी० पंत : अब यह पूछ रहे हैं कि इस वक्त कोई मारकोनी का एजेंट है या नहीं मैं यह बताना चाहता हूं कि पिछले दो साल में दो कंट्रेक्टस हुए हैं । एक तो हरमीत ई० एस० एम० के साथ नेवी के लिए कंट्रेक्ट 6 नवम्बर, 1986 को हुआ और दूसरा वायुसेना के लिए 1 अक्टूबर, 1987 को हुआ । मैंने पूछा था कि इसमें कोई मिडलमैन था या एजेंट था तो मुझे यह सूचना मिली कि इसमें कोई एजेंट बीच वाला नहीं था ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Transfer of Blocking of Telecommunication Technology

*322. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Japan have blocked the transfer of two major telecommunication technologies and rejected the proposed sale of a vital electronic capital equipment as a part of its temporary embargo on the sale of "dual use" technologies to India; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to persuade Japan to lift the embargo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any embargo. However, procedural delays have occurred in the clearance of exports from Japan of certain telecommunication technologies and electronic equipment for India. This has been taken up with the Japanese Government and efforts to expedite decisions have been made and are continuing.

Demolition of Military Barracks in Ahmednagar

*325. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Military barracks in Ahmednagar Fort (Maharashtra), where Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and other freedom fighters were detained during the freedom movement were demolished recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for such demolition;

(c) whether there was a demand to declare these barracks as a National Monument; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. Only the roofs of some of the buildings collapsed in March 1987. These have been repaired and brought to their original shape in February, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In view of the fact that a large number of Defence establishments are located therein, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

Cancellation of visit of the Foreign Secretary to Islamabad

*326. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Secretary was scheduled to leave for Islamabad for talks on the Afghanistan issue;

(b) if so, whether the visit has since been cancelled/postponed; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Pakistan Government stated that both its Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary would be out of the country. At the request of that Government, therefore, the visit did not take place as scheduled.

Comprehensive Package Measures for Agriculture

@*327. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering comprehensive package measures for giving a new thrust to agriculture in the remaining two years of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A Task Force under the Member Incharge, Agriculture, Planning Commission has formulated a Framework Action Plan for achieving foodgrains production level of at least 175 million tonnes by the end of the 7th Five Year Plan. The Framework Action Plan adopt a selective approach for districts having potential for higher production which can be realised in the short period. Thus, a total of 169 districts in 14 states are to be taken up in respect of the five foodgrains crops of rice, wheat, maize, gram and arhar. The strategy frame of the Action Plan envisages the identification of production constraints operating in the selected districts and the measures require to remove them. The resources required for this purpose are to come from the existing provisions available under ongoing schemes and programmes with marginal increases, where critically necessary, for removing a specific constraint within the limited time frame of two years. Detailed district-wise Action Plans are to be framed by the State Governments to be operationlised from Kharif, 1988. At the Central level nodal responsibility for implementing the Frame Work Action Plan

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